

FORM 2

Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

a. Area Number/Name WY-030-412-S Area D Acreage 37.705

(1) Is the area of sufficient size?

Yes X No

Describe the boundaries of the area (roads, property lines, etc.). If the area meets one of the exceptions to the size criterion, check "Yes" and describe the exception. If more than one inventory area is involved, list the acreage in each and evaluate each area/sub-area separately. In completing steps (1)-(5), use additional space as necessary.

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS: (Include acreage, land ownership, location, topography, vegetation and summary of major human uses/activities)

This unit is comprised of 118,143 acres of BLM-administered public lands located in T. 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 N., R.97, 98 and 99 W. The area is located in south-central Sweetwater County, Wyoming and northern Moffat County, Colorado. The area is made up of rolling hills of stabilized sand dunes, incised with a few washes. The topography becomes more like badlands in the Colorado portion of the area where it drops below the face of Kinney Rim. The major geological feature in this unit is Kinney Rim. The vegetation is primarily sagebrush, grasses, rabbit brush, and a few scattered junipers.

The major human uses in the unit include livestock grazing management, oil and gas exploration and development, and big game hunting in the fall.

Narrative: The Kinney Rim South Inventory unit was broken into three sub-units for ease of inventory and each sub-unit boundary is based on an improved road, two-track trail, or non-public land boundary. Sub-unit E is contiguous with the Adobe Town WSA on its northern tip. Small portions of Area D and Area E are within Colorado.

(2) Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes No X N/A

Description:

The imprints of man are noticeable throughout much of Area D. The western half of the area has active oil and gas wells, plugged and abandoned gas wells, and one water well. Several seismic lines scar the area with strong linear features which are not re-vegetating due to vehicular use and low yearly precipitation. The area contains many two-track trails that create visual intrusions. There are 7 corrals, wreckage from an old water tower structure, and three dumps that add to the visibility of human presence. 5 livestock reservoirs rise above the flatter ground beyond the alluvial fans below the rim. These developments intrude noticeably on the area.

(3) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for solitude?
Yes _____ No ☒ N/A _____

Description:

The sights and sounds of man's activities in Area D affect the possibility for outstanding opportunities for solitude in this area. This area is rangeland and lacks diverse topographical and vegetative features to shield user's activities from one another.

(4) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?
Yes _____ No ☒ N/A _____

Description:

This area would be suitable for activities such as hiking, hunting, backpacking, photography, wild horse viewing, and primitive camping. The area is not what is generally perceived as scenic, so most recreationists, with the exception of hunters and wild horse viewers, would more likely choose other areas in which to recreate. Unconfined recreational opportunities are generally not considered to be outstanding in this area.

(5) Does the area have supplemental values (ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic or historical value)?
Yes ☒ No _____ N/A _____

Description:

The Adobe Town Herd Management Area supports one of the largest wild horse herds in Wyoming.

Summary of Analysis

Area Name and/or Number: WY-030-412-S Area D

Summary

Results of analysis:

1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements? ☒ Yes ☐ No
2. Does the area appear to be natural? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A
3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A
4. Does the area have supplemental values? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Check one:

☐ The area, or a portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as Land with Wilderness Characteristics (LWC).

☒ The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

☐ A determination of wilderness characteristics cannot be made until additional inventory can be completed.

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